NAME and SURNAME: SÜNİYE ŞEN TITLE: THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTENDWITH POVERTY: A Study of Help Organizations in İzmir.

ABSTRACT

In the process of globalisation, in the blank which was caused by the changes of civil society concept and practices, is focused on new functions of civil society organisations and the coverability of the necessity which appears in this field at national and international levels by civil society organisations was researched. This thesis, in the process of globalisation, aims to examine how neo-liberal politics affect poverty.

STK founded with the aim of forming a civil society in Turkey, although having roots back in the 1940s, developed to a great extent in the 1980s and began to be an influential subject in social life. The neo-liberal transformations since the 1980s in the world that seriously effected Turkey. The basic purpose of our study is to evaluate the points of view poverty of STKs which to get strong after in 1980. Therefore, the concept of civil society, development of STKs in Turkey and the associations that facilitates in İzmir are being held in general.

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